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APPROVED Talking Points

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DO: TALK ABOUT YOUR WORK AND WHAT YOU ARE DOING; AVOID NO COMMENT

DON'T: TALK ABOUT OTHERS' WORK OR SPECULATE

- EPA has an organized emergency response program and is supporting FEMA, state, local and tribal partners.
- Safety is EPA's top priority
- EPA responders are full integrated with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Texas General Land Office – and jointly deployed to Austin and Corpus Christi to assist in response efforts
- EPA is working with state partners to assist in contacting industrial facilities, determine status and plans to resume operations
- EPA is supporting the response effort in several ways:
 - Developing surface water sampling plans to address public health concerns about contaminated storm water. Sampling flood waters will begin as soon as conditions allow.
 - Drinking water and waste water staff will offer technical assistance as necessary to restore services. Teams will visit or contact facilities if needed.
 - Superfund site managers worked to secure sites before the storm. Teams are continuing to assess site conditions and determine additional actions as necessary.
- Response teams will continue to evaluate affected areas and determine necessary actions as appropriate